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2018 Army Earth Day Message – April 22

Sustain the Mission – Secure the Future

Since the 1970s, the United States Army has joined the Nation in celebrating Earth Day. Army Earth Day is an opportunity to renew our commitment to sound environmental stewardship of the lands entrusted to us; the lands where our Soldiers, Families and Civilians train, live, and work.

Our installations are a critical training resource. We must maintain and conserve that resource to ensure the Army is ready and capable of accomplishing its warfighting mission now and into the future.

The Army is a leader among Federal agencies in protecting, conserving, and restoring the environment. Our participation in Army Earth Day aims to inspire awareness and appreciation of the environment and how it sustains our warfighting readiness mission. The U.S. Army Environmental Command supports installations, Soldiers, and their Families in celebrating Army Earth Day by providing a Go-To-Guide available at <https://aec.army.mil/index.php/earth-day>. It provides Army personnel with how-to information for planning an event, assembling a team, tapping into resources and volunteers, and suggesting activities.

As we commemorate Earth Day 2018, I encourage you to participate in Army Earth Day events and take an active role in sustaining the environment for a secure future. The security of our Nation is vital and is directly enhanced by the Army's meticulous stewardship of environmental resources. By making the right choices today, our Army will remain the world's premier military force into the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Gillis", is positioned above the name of the signatory.

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